

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0681

Title: Licensure of medication aides in personal-care facilities

Primary Sponsor: Clark, E

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY 2004 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2005 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
State Special Revenue	\$26,361	\$18,815
Revenue:		
State Special Revenue	\$25,000	\$20,000
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Section 1 and 2 of the bill define and establish licensure for medication aides. A DPHHS Assisted Living legislative planning group (consisting of representatives from AARP, Montana Healthcare Association – MHCA, Montana Hospital Association – MHA, Montana Nurses’ Association – MNA, DPHHS, Representative Edith Clark, Senator Mignon Waterman, and Assisted Living Providers, some Assisted Living Facilities) determined that medication administration is a major component of nursing practice. Therefore, the Board of Nursing (board) should be charged with defining scope, qualifications, oversight, and development of regulations essential to regulating this category of licensees to assure adequate protection the citizens of the state of Montana.
2. Based on information obtained from the legislative planning group, it is estimated that the Board of Nursing will license 500 medication aides.
3. Section 3 authorizes the board to establish rules for education and scope of practice and Section 4 delineates the aide’s relationship with licensed nurses. The board will hold four special committee meetings and conduct an administrative rule hearing prior to the adoption of rules. Proposed rules and the adoption notice will be mailed to the board’s interested persons list and all assisted living facilities. The cost of the administrative rule process will be \$1,270 (\$400 board member per diem and \$870 in noticing, printing, and court reporter), which is a one-time-only cost for FY 2004.

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4. Travel costs for committee meetings and educational presentations for FY 2004 is \$3,460 of which \$2,440 is one-time-only. FY 2005 travel costs total \$1,020.
5. The new license category can be incorporated into the current database with minimal programming changes and updates to the Web site at a FY 2004 one-time-only cost of \$500.
6. The Board of Nursing will not be approving educational programs for the medication aides, but will be adopting rules to determine the educational requirement for licensure.
7. Cost for printing informational and educational materials would be approximately \$400 per year.
8. A 0.50 FTE pay band 3 is requested to provide administrative support for licensing. Salary and benefits of \$13,878, operating costs of \$2,586, and indirect costs of \$931 each year. FY 2004 includes \$3,336 in one time only costs for office equipment.
9. The Board of Nursing will set fees commensurate with the cost of the program. Estimated fees and revenue is \$25,000 in FY 2004 and \$20,000 in FY 2005 for medication aides' application/license fees in FY 2004 and application and renewal fees in FY 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY 2004	FY 2005
DOLI (05)	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
FTE	0.50	0.50
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Personal Services	\$14,278	\$13,878
Operating Expenses	8,747	4,937
Equipment	<u>3,336</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	\$26,361	\$18,815
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02833)	\$26,361	\$18,815
<u>Revenues:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02833)	\$25,000	\$20,000
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>		
State Special Revenue (02833)	(\$1,361)	\$1,185